

have the authority to craft new procedures and, through such procedures, to grant whatever monetary and non-monetary remedies the CAA provides?

In responding to this inquiry, commenters are also asked to consider the implications of several provisions in the CAA. Do the following provisions limit the availability to GAO and the Library and their employees of the administrative, judicial, and negotiated procedures that might otherwise be available to them where violations of sections 204-206 are alleged and remedies granted under those sections are sought.

Section 225(d) and (e) and 401 contain provisions specifying, in general terms, what procedures must be used to consider a CAA violation and to seek a CAA remedy.

Section 409 and 410 allow judicial review of CAA regulations and of CAA compliance only pursuant to the procedures of section 407, which provides for judicial review of Board decisions, and section 408, which provides a private right of action.

Commenters are also requested to be clear as to whether procedures available outside of the CAA cover claims by applicants for employment, former employees, and temporary and intermittent employees, and whether these procedures cover allegations by GAO or Library employees that their rights granted under the CAA were violated by other employing offices and allegations by employees of other employing offices that their CAA rights were violated by GAO or the Library.

3. Does section 207 of the CAA cover GAO and the Library and their employees with respect to sections 204-206 and 215? If not, do other laws, regulations, and procedures covering GAO and the Library and their employees afford similar protection against intimidation and reprisal for exercising CAA rights?

The RPRM proposed to amend the Procedural Rules to cover GAO and the Library and their employees with respect to "any allegation of intimidation or reprisal prohibited under section 207 of the Act." While the Library did not object to this proposal, section 207 does not expressly cover GAO and the Library and their employees. Comment is therefore invited on whether the prohibition against intimidation and reprisal established by section 207 should be construed as covering GAO and the Library and their employees.

If section 207 is construed not to apply, would other laws and regulations covering GAO and the Library and their employees afford protection against intimidation and reprisal for exercising rights under the CAA? Would these laws and regulations afford the same substantive rights and remedies as section 207? What procedures would be available to consider violations and to impose such remedies? Commenters are requested to be clear as to whether such laws, regulations, and procedures outside of the CAA cover applicants for employment, former employees, and temporary and intermittent employees, and whether these laws, regulations, and procedures cover allegations that GAO or the Library intimidated or took reprisal against employees of other employing offices and allegations that other employing offices intimidated or took reprisal against GAO or Library employees for exercising rights granted under the CAA.

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No decision will be made as to whether the Procedural Rules will be amended to cover GAO and the Library and their employees for purposes of alleged violations of sections 204-207 until after the comments requested in this Notice have been received and considered. During this interim period, the Office

will accept requests for counseling under section 402, requests for mediation under section 403, and complaints under section 405 filed by GAO or Library employees and/or alleging violations by GAO or the Library where violations of sections 204-207 of the CAA are alleged. Any objections to jurisdiction may be made to the hearing officer or the Board under sections 405-406 or to the court during proceedings under sections 407-408. The Office will counsel any employees who initiate such proceedings that a question has been raised as to the Office's jurisdiction and that the employees may wish to preserve their rights under any other available procedural avenues.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on this 26th day of January, 1998.

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Office of Compliance.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7006. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's Annual Report to the President and the Congress 1998, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 113; to the Committee on National Security.

7007. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 98-7: Emigration Policies of Albania, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(a) and 2439(a); (H. Doc. No. 105-209); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

7008. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council, pursuant to Public Law 102-1, section 3 (105 Stat. 4); (H. Doc. No. 105-212); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

7009. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Department's report entitled "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1997," pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2151n(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

7010. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the President's report entitled "Destruction of Equipment East of the Urals"; to the Committee on International Relations.

7011. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-226, "James M. McGee, Jr., Street, S.E. Designation Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7012. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-227, "Ronald H. Brown Building Designation Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7013. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-228, "Brian T. A. Gibson Memorial Building Designation Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7014. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a

copy of D.C. Act 12-229, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5157, S.O. 95-107, Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7015. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-230, "Taxicab Commission Hearing Examiner Amendment Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7016. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-231, "Fleet Traffic Adjudication Amendment Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7017. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-232, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5405, S.O. 96-135, Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7018. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-233, "Criminal Code Technical Amendments Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7019. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-234, "Establishment of Council Contract Review Criteria Temporary Amendment Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7020. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-235, "Tax Revision Commission Establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7021. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-236, "Reorganization Plan No. 5 for the Department of Human Services and Department of Corrections Temporary Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7022. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-246, "Technical Amendments Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7023. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-249, "Chief Procurement Officer Qualification Amendment Act of 1997" received January 29, 1998, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7024. A letter from the Interim District of Columbia Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled "Review of the Department of Employment Services' Surplus Tax Surcharge Funds," pursuant to D.C. Code section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7025. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7026. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting

a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Federal Employees Health Benefits Children's Equity Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7027. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the FY 1997 annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) of 1982, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7028. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

7029. A letter from the the Administrative Assistant, the Disabled American Veterans, transmitting the report of the proceedings of the organization's 76th National Convention, including their annual audit report of receipts and expenditures as of December 31, 1996, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 90i and 44 U.S.C. 1332; (H. Doc. No. 105—208); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and ordered to be printed.

7030. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Albania, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(b); (H. Doc. No. 105—210); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

7031. A letter from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide authorization of appropriations for the United States International Trade Commission for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

7032. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting supplementary notice of proposed rulemaking for publication in the Congressional RECORD, pursuant to Public Law 104—1, section 303(b) (109 Stat. 28); jointly to the Committees on House Oversight and Education and the Workforce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 352. Resolution providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (Rept. 105—415). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. COBLE:

H.R. 3163. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide protection for trade dress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SAXTON (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 3164. A bill to describe the hydrographic services functions of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BAKER:

H.R. 3165. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide an opportunity for judicial review concerning the adoption of accounting principles applicable

to issuers of federally-registered securities; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MICA, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. CANNON, Mr. HASTERT, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. COX of California, Mr. STUMP, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. WALSH, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. DREIER, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. MCCREY, Mr. CRANE, Mr. BRADY, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. CAMP, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. DELAY, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. PETRI, Mr. COOK, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BOEHNER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. BOB SCHAFER, Mr. LINDER, Mr. METCALF, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. KLUG, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. DICKEY):

H.R. 3166. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to permit the use of medical savings accounts under the health benefits program for Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. FORBES, and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York):

H.R. 3167. A bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. FROST, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. FURSE, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. SHADEGG):

H.R. 3168. A bill to clarify that bail bond sureties and bounty hunters are subject to both civil and criminal liability for violations of Federal rights under existing Federal civil rights law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island:

H.R. 3169. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to include State and local law enforcement agencies under the protection of such Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut:

H.R. 3170. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the conversion of ordinary income or short-term capital gain into income eligible for the long-term capital gain rates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KLUG (for himself, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. PAXON):

H.R. 3171. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to eliminate from its regulations the restrictions on the cross-ownership of broadcasting stations and newspapers; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3172. A bill to provide that funds received by the Federal Government from a tobacco

industry settlement shall be used for part A of Medicare; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RANGEL:

H.R. 3173. A bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Commerce, and Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WHITE (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. NETHERCUTT):

H.R. 3174. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require electronic preservation and filing of reports filed with the Federal Election Commission by certain persons, to require such reports to be made available through the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself and Mr. GINGRICH):

H. Con. Res. 209. Concurrent resolution remembering the life of George Washington and his contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. SHAYS (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. REGULA, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FROST, and Mr. GOODE):

H. Con. Res. 210. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to promoting coverage of individuals under long-term care insurance; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FAZIO of California:

H. Res. 351. A resolution designating minority membership on certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KINGSTON (for himself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WAMP, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia):

H. Res. 353. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning human rights and due process in Ecuador; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 135: Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H.R. 347: Mr. SHADEGG.

H.R. 453: Mr. VENTO, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. WEXLER.

H.R. 586: Mr. COYNE.

H.R. 612: Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. WISE, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. HEFLEY, and Mr. COOK.

H.R. 634: Mr. BONILLA.